



**Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 26**

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**Hearing Date:** February 13, 2003  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducer(s):** (Preister)

**Title:** Change membership and classification duties of the Environmental Quality Council

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

7	Yes	Senators Friend, Hudkins, Jones, Kremer, Loudon, Schrock, Stuhr
1	No	Senator Preister
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Don Preister

Glen Murray

Danielle Nantkes

Wes Sheets

Jarel Vinduska

**Opponents:**

Loran Schmit

Ron Lorenz

Greg Ruehle

Alice Licht

Matt Boerkircher

Dan Meiergerd

Ed Woeppel

Mary Ann Keller

Steve Leutbecher

Debra McDowell

Mike Mostek

John Kinter

**Representing:**

Introducer

Nebraska Sierra Club

Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest

Izaak Walton League; Nebraska Council of

Sportsmens Clubs

Self

**Representing:**

Self

Nebraska Farm Bureau

Nebraska Cattlemen

Nebraska Agri-Business Association; Nebraska  
Aviation Trades Association

Baldwin Filters; Nebraska Industrial Council on  
the Environment

Nebraska Pork Producers

Nebraska Cooperative Council

Nebraska Pork Producers

Coleman Powermate

Self

Behlen Manufacturing; Nebraska State Chamber

Nebraska Industrial Council on the Environment

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**Neutral:**  
Mike Linder

**Representing:**  
Department of Environmental Quality

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 26 does the following:

- Section 1      Removes the following members of the Environmental Quality Council: a representative of the food products manufacturing industry; a representative of conservation; a representative of the automotive industry; a representative of heavy industry; a representative actively engaged in crop production; a physician who is knowledgeable in the health aspects of air, water and land pollution; and a representative of the public at large.
- Adds the following new members: an established habitat protection organization; one public environmental health professional; one representative of an established environmental protection organization; one representative engaged in agriculture; one biologist; one pediatrician; and one minority or low income person.
- The current representation of the agricultural processing industry; the chemical or petroleum industry; the power generating industry; labor; an engineer experienced in control of air and water pollution and solid waste; county government; and two representatives from municipal government remain.
- Section 2      Adds the additional criteria of “environmental justice” and “the effects on the health of children and minority and low income populations.
- The current criteria of health, economic factors, social factors, and physical effects on property remain.
- Section 3      Repealer.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

None

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**Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson**